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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON TLATELOLCO MEETING

1. ALTHOUGH FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAD ALREADY TOLD REPORTERS THAT EFFECT OF MEXICO FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WAS "POSITIVE", HE MADE AN EXTENSIVE APPRAISAL OF CONFERENCE TO PRESS ON FEB. 27.

2. DE LA FLOR DECLARED MEETING HAD ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS, PARTICULARLY FROM LA STANDPOINT, BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST TIME LA'S HAD UNITED TO CONDUCT FRANK DIALOGUE WITH A SUPER-INDUSTRIALIZED STATE SUCH AS US AND WHERE TWO POINTS OF VIEW WERE EXPRESSED. HE ALSO CREDITED SECRETARY WITH HAVING POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WITH SHOWING GREAT DESIRE TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE AND GOOD WILL IN DIALOGUE CONCERNING A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH LA.

3. FONMIN SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT MEETING TO PRODUCE "TRANSCENDENTAL SOLUTIONS OR MAGIC FORMULAS" BUT POINTED TO FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF MEETING: USG OFFER TO ENCOURAGE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT; RECOGNITION THAT RELATIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT APPLICATION OF COERCIVE MEASURES; USG SUPPORT FOR LA PARTICIPATION IN MONETARY REFORM; CHANNELING OF RESOURCES THROUGH MULTILATERAL INSTITU-

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TIONS; SUPPORT FOR RESTRUCTURING OF OAS. WITH REGARD TO

LATTER POINT, FONMIN STATED POSITION OF US HAD BEEN PASSIVE AND NOT VERY RECEPTIVE.

4. DE LA FLOR ALSO REPORTED MEETING HAD TAKEN NOTE OF USG PROPOSAL TO CREATE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROBLEMS ARISING OVER INVESTMENT DISPUTES AND SAID GOP FINDS THIS "INCONVENIENT" BECAUSE IT IMPLIES LIMITATION OF SOVEREIGNTY. FONMIN SAID PHRASE "IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM" NOT USED BUT CONCEPT WAS REAFFIRMED.

5. DE LA FLOR SAID THAT PERUVIAN ARMS MORATORIUM PROPOSAL WAS NOT ON MINISTERS' AGENDA BUT THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE MEETING SO THAT LA'S COULD EVALUATE PROPOSAL AND PRONOUNCE THEMSELVES ON IT. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT CAMPAIGN FROM ABROAD TO EFFECT THAT GOP HAS EMBARKED ON ARMS RACE. DE LA FLOR SAID THIS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT COUNTRY WITH EXAGGERATED AND INEXACT REPORTS. FONMIN CLAIMED GOP ONLY REPLACING OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND THAT PERU NOT ACQUIRING MORE ARMS THAN OTHER LA'S.

6. DE LA FLOR PRAISED SECRETARY AS "PRAGMATIC" MAN WHO PROMISED ONLY WHAT HE CAN DELIVER AND NOT WHAT HE CANNOT FULFILL. HE SAID SECRETARY HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT PERU, PROBABLY IN SECOND HALF OF YEAR.

7. INTERVIEW IS WIDELY REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS.
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